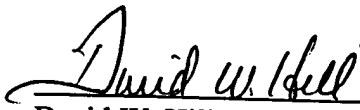


for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our deposit account.

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## ANNEXES TO THE PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicants submit the following claims with strikeouts and underlining for the Examiner's convenience as required by new rule 37 C.F.R. 1.121 (c)(1)(ii).

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3. (Amended) A system as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein said prescribed range of functionality includes:
  - (i) sending a textual message from one client to another;
  - (ii) receiving a textual message from one client to another; and
  - (iii) identifying which member of a group of clients that a client is a member or prospective member of are currently connected to the computer network, or are probably so connected.
4. (Amended) An instant messaging system as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein said computer network is the internet or direct electronic links of computers and other electronic devices.
5. (Amended) An instant messaging system as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein said client types connected to the computer network via the GSM network have SMS capability and are initially connected via an SMSC server to control and manage said SMS therebetween, and wherein said SMSC server is directly connected to said IM server via said computer network.

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